INTERPELLATIONS ANSWERED.

PRESIDENT : With reference to what fell from certain honourable members on a previous occasion, information has been collected which shows that all the interpellations for which answers have been received have been printed and supplied to the Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS. (*contd.*)

THE TRAVANCORE CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAINT BILL.

PRESIDENT : The Secretary will read the petition.

The Secretary then read the following petition :—

"To

The Travancore Sri Mulam Assembly.

Whereas a Bill known as the Child Marriage Restraint Bill is now under the consideration of the Assembly, the humble petition of the President, Sri Rama Varma Jubilee Brahmana Association, Travancore, Trivandrum, sheweth that the proposed Bill is against the established religious customs and manners of the Tamil Brahmana community, that the sense of the community is dead against the measure as would be testified to by the various resolutions passed throughout the State, twenty-four in number, (enclosed herewith) and that the community does not want it and accordingly your petitioner prays that the Tamil Brahmin community be exempted from the operation of the said Bill and your petitioner as in duty bound will every pray.

P. S. Nilakanta Aiyar,
President,
S. R. V. J. Brahmana Association,
Trivandrum, 15-12-1113.

SECRETARY : Resolutions have also been passed at the following places by Associations of Brahmins praying that the Tamil Brahmin community may be exempted from the operation of the Travancore Child Marriage Restraint Bill if it is passed into law in spite of their opposition to the measure ; —

Bhoothapandy,	Suchindram	Neyyattinkara.
Attingal	Quilon	Shencotta.
Azhakiapandipuram	Kottarakara	Pathiyoor.
Avanavancheri	Haripad	Nedumangad.
Karamana	Muvattupuzha	Kayencolam.
Parur	Tiruvalla	Vatharcutti.
Perumbavoor	Koovapady	Manickamangalam.
Kotakulangara	Trivandrum.	

PRESIDENT The petition is placed on the table.

POINT OF ORDER *re* RIGHT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO PUT QUESTIONS.

MR. P. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I rise to a point of order. In relation to the Bill for which I have been co-opted as a member of this House, I sent up certain interpellations to Government, but the Government have refused to answer it on the ground that co-opted members have no right to put questions under Rule 8 of the Assembly Rules. I request that I may be heard in this House about that matter, especially as it relates to the privileges of the members.

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